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SUBJECT: SJCOG 2002/03 – 2004/05
FTIP Amendment No. 5

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

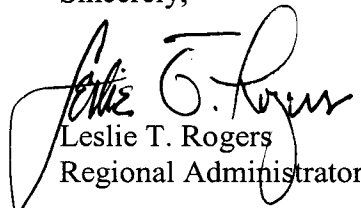
We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No. 5 submitted with your letter dated April 1, 2003. This amendment adds three new projects for operating assistance and planning, utilizing funds from a revision in the funding amount for the procurement of two rail cars. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds are involved in this change with no overall fiscal impact.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR §93.126 and/or 40 CFR §93.127).

This finding has been coordinated with the Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment No. 5 into California's 2003/05 FSTIP with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltran's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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